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COLLEGE OF BUSINESS, PEACE, LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE

NPHR 517: CULTURE, CONFLICT & HUMAN RIGHTS

END OF SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

You are required to answer **3 questions** in total.

Section A is **compulsory**.

Answer **any 2 questions** from **Section B**.

You have **3 hours** to complete the exam.

SECTION A

‘Conflict and crisis situations present perhaps the most formidable challenge to the protection and observance of human and peoples’ rights. These are situations in which observing human rights is not often seen as an important strategic consideration by conflict actors. The ordinary institutions for the promotion and protection of rights can also exert weak influence on the behaviour of conflict actors. As experiences from across the various conflict and crisis situations on the African continent and indeed elsewhere in the world show, it is also in conflict and crisis situations that the most egregious violations and abuses of rights are perpetrated.’

Extract from the African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights (2019)
Addressing human rights issues in conflict situations: Towards a more systematic and effective role for the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights

Discuss the veracity of this statement. In your answer, refer to the relevant theories of conflict and case studies.

[50 Marks]

SECTION B

Question 2

Referring to relevant examples, justify the need for a Universalist approach in the protection of the rights of women and children.

[25 Marks]

Question 3

Discuss the role of the family, traditional and religious leaders in the promotion as well the violation of human rights in Sub-Saharan Africa.

[25 Marks]

Question 4

Polygamous marriages are rare in many advanced countries and in some parts of Urban Africa today but are prevalent in rural Africa. Explain the conditions and events that necessitate and/or facilitate such marriages in Africa. In your answer, clearly explain the impact of such marriages on women and children's rights.

[25 Marks]

Question 5

With reference to one African country of your choice, discuss the African traditional conflict resolution mechanisms, indicating their advantages and disadvantages.

[25 Marks]

END OF EXAMINATION
